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Mail Stop Amendment
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Re: U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/980,974 for
METHOD AND DEVICE FOR BRANCHING DURING THE
PROCESSING OF A PROGRAM BY A PROCESSOR
Our File No. 1406/24

Sir:

Please find enclosed in connection with the subject U.S. patent application the following documents:

1. An Amendment Transmittal Form;
2. An Amendment A; and
3. A return-receipt postcard to be returned to us with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office filing stamp thereon.

Respectfully submitted,

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Practitioner's Docket No. 1406/24

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Jensen et al.

Group Art Unit: 2183

Serial No.: 09/980,974

Examiner: Tsai, Henry

Filed: March 6, 2002

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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

1. Transmitted herewith is an amendment for this application.

STATUS

2. Applicant is other than a small entity.

EXTENSION OF TERM

3. The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136 apply. Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is

CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.8(a) and 1.10*

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being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

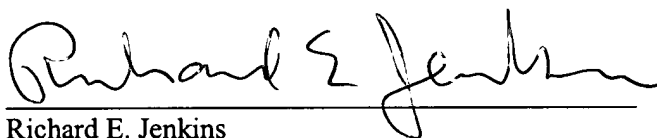
FEE FOR CLAIMS

4. The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

| | (Col. 1) | (Col. 2) | (Col. 3) | OTHER THAN A SMALL ENTITY | | | | | |
|---|---|---------------------------------------|------------------|---------------------------|---------------|--|--|--|------|
| | CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT | HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR | PRESENT EXTRA | | | | | | |
| | | | | RATE | ADDIT. FEE | | | | |
| TOTAL | 3 | - 20 | = 0 | x \$ 50.00 | = \$ | | | | 0.00 |
| INDEP. | 1 | - 3 | = 0 | x \$ 200.00 | = \$ | | | | 0.00 |
| FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIM | | | | + \$ 0.00 | = \$ | | | | 0.00 |
| | | | | TOTAL ADDIT. FEE | \$ | | | | 0.00 |

No additional fee for claims is required.

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AMENDMENT A

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Sir:

This is responsive to the Office Action dated September 21, 2004, for which a shortened statutory period for reply is December 21, 2004. Favorable consideration is respectfully requested in view of the following Amendments and Remarks.